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MINUTES FOR RESIST MEETING JUNE 1, 1975

Present: Larry Thomas, Hank Rosemont, Eileen Atherton, Paul Lauter, Jean Turner (chair), Frank Joyce, Hilde Hein, Joan Bromberg, (Wayne O'Neill lost in transit).

Financial report submitted. Paul noted the high percentage given to grants this past month. He also asked that we investigate the possibility of using Inter-News mailing list, in addition to getting back the \$500 they owe us. Paul asked the staff to work up a fund raising program for the fall, which will include mailings to the Modern Language Association, Dollars and Sense, and possibly the United Servicemen's Fund. Hank stated that ads could be put in newspapers that have volunteered to take them in the fall. It was also noted that Frank Pollatsek of New York raised over \$200 for us, this being the second time he has done so. Frank Joyce gave a report on the clearing up of the misunderstanding brought forth by some of Pollatsek's friends in regard to alleged violent disruptions carried on by the Communist Labor Party. The staff and F. Joyce contacted Pollatsek, whose friends could not substantiate the charges.

Office Report was submitted. Joan got the mailing to the historians of science list out. The staff had visits from a member of SCAR in Maine who is in Boston working on the Cameron Bishop Defense Fund. We also were visited by Kate Shackford of United WREP Workers regarding the request they submitted. The staff discussed vacations. Eileen is planning to take the month of August off, Larry the third week of that month. It was decided to have a Boston meeting prior to the third week in August to determine whether or not the office should be shut down for that week or kept open with help from nonstaff. Paul stated that he was working on his letters to the CIA and FBI to get our folders. He has completed the CIA letter and will show it around prior to sending it out. Hilde volunteered to work on June's Newsletter.

A report was given on the outcome of the correspondence between Kate Simpson, Ken Hale and the staff regarding the sexism in the Menominee Warriors Society. Both Larry and Ken wrote letters to her, which explained the situation to her satisfaction. Louie went to France and will be back here 2nd week in July to the end of August.

A discussion followed on the staff's letter, Dick Ohman's response (sent out to all RESIST people with the meeting notice). A copy of Paul Lauter's letter representing the consensus of that discussion is enclosed. This letter basically reflects the drift of the discussion at the meeting. Questions were raised about whether we were taking on the task of recruiting new people seriously enough (Hank), whether this new course of action would cut into our funding capacity (Larry), the possibility of objective (rather than conscious) competition for funds from the Haymarket foundation now that it is establishing itself as a community fund (Eileen), the possibility of reprinting Arlene Segal's book on grand jury (Paul and Hilde), and other points. It was agreed that people should read the "New Call", (copy enclosed) with the purpose of either revising or rewriting it. Hank took on the task of coming up with a discussion initiating document that will be taken up at the next meeting. It was generally agreed that something (i.e., Paul's letter) would have to be submitted to the RESIST people right off, and the revision or rewriting of the CALL be undertaken over an adequately long period of time if deemed necessary.

The next meeting was scheduled for Sunday, July 20, and will be held in Boston or New York depending on which location would facilitate a larger attendance. As is mentioned in Paul's letter (Frank worked on this too but the basic text is Paul's), next meeting is of crucial importance in implementing the tasks outlined in the letter and beginning the work of revising or rewriting the CALL. People agreed that all interested members who plan to continue their association with RESIST should make some input into this meeting.

A copy of Bob Zevin's latest letter concerning our decision in March not to fund CAP Energy ~~9881988988988988~~our list. The letter should be viewed by people as laying the basis of some future discussion of the points expressed in that letter.

REQUESTS AT JUNE 1, 1975 MEETING - NEWTON

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1. Fellowship of Reconciliation- we will send out their literature list on the Mid-East with the June Newsletter with a note of explanation that we are doing so as a favor to the FR, rather than an endorsement of their political position.
2. Puerto Rican Socialist Party- request for funding of pamphlet on the National Question was denied, and we will get in touch with them regarding the possibility of funding one other of their series of five pamphlets on Puerto Rico.
3. Unidos Bookstore was given another \$300 for reconstruction following their second demolition at the hands of fascist elements in Los Angeles.
4. Legal In-Service Project was given \$250
5. Somerville Women's Health Project was given a \$300 loan to be repaid only if they receive funding from the Haymarket Foundation - for immediate expenses until such a decision by Haymarket is made. If they receive no funding from Haymarket, it stands as an outright grant.
6. Source - postponed pending Jean's investigation (she has request)
7. Wildcat - Paul has only received the request just this week (it was sent in the mail about a month ago) and it will be taken up at our next meeting.
8. The Defense Committee was given \$350 for expenses connected with its project Operation Springboard, which involves organizing GI's on maneuvers off the ~~the~~ coast of Puerto Rico around U.S. oppression and exploitation of that country.
9. Women's Counselling Center - people felt that this institution in Albany, for which we had scant information, would be qualified for CETA funds and therefore out of our league.
10. United WREP Workers was given \$165 times # 3 in order that they can put out mailings to their membership around New York City (WREP is work relief employment program, which affects welfare people in n.y.)
11. Youth Liberation - was given \$100 for printing costs for a pamphlet on public schools. Paul and Jean asked for copies.
12. RECON - postponed pending Paul's investigation
13. Community Referral Center, Albany- postponed Paul will try to investigate through contacts at SUNY Albany
14. Santa Fe Community Press was given \$200 to build up its stock of materials - it is a movement press and serves various organizing efforts in that area.
15. Respond- Hank will investigate other funding possibilities of this women's crisis center with Joann Rosemont.
16. Suffolk Street Papers- there was confusion as to whether this was tied to any sort of organizing. Paul will try to investigate this Smithtown Long Island group.
- 17 National Lawyer's Guild was given \$350 for its Summer Anti-Racism Project in Boston.

June 26, 1975

Dear RESIST folks,

Enclosed is Hank Rosemont's preliminary draft for a New Call to RESIST Illegitimate Authority. It is meant to serve as a basis / starting point for our discussion of the need to revise the present Call, sum up our experience, etc., since the New Call was put out, ~~etc.~~ and generally reorient the work of RESIST as outlined in Paul Lauter's letter that we have sent out twice to you all. For the lack of a better term, this is "required reading" for next meeting. Again, for those of you that can't make it, we encourage you to let us know of your thoughts in regard to this and all other material by mail, phone or whatever prior to July 20 (the date of the next meeting). If people have major differences with the enclosed, they are welcome to submit alternative drafts, which will be circulated to members in a similar fashion.

Looking forward to seeing you all in July.

The RESIST staff

Dear Folks:

I have some minor and major objections to Hank's draft. Minor: With the recent skirmish between the Khmer Rouge and PRG I would avoid the words "the end of the killing in Cambodia and South Vietnam." It has a whitewashish ring to it. I know "initiative stance" will be corrected but I don't know that I would be any happier with "a return to our initial stance." It has unfortunate over or undertones. Major: In general I like the first page okay and most of the second but there is no transition from page 2 to page 3. More importantly, page 3 gives the impression that we are another "right minded group" fighting the forces of darkness in no concrete way whatever. I think people have continued to support RESIST because they had a real sense of where their money was going. I think we have to continue to re-enforce that sense. Page 3 is just too nebulous in terms of what we intend to do about it and makes us appear even ~~worry~~ more wooly headed than Common Cause.

Cheers.

Donny McCay

Financial Report - RESIST Meeting June 1, 1975

Balance as of April 27 \$2419.89

Income April 28 to May 30

Pledges	1241.50
Contributions	3826.00
Subscriptions	204.00
Mass Mailing	116.00
Linguist Mailing	50.00
Miscel.	1025.00
TOTAL	\$6462.50

Outgo for same period

taxes	254.56
payroll	1046.80
grants	4347.50
postage	295.00
printing-copying	291.87
office supplies maintenance	284.92
TOTAL	\$6430.63

Projected expenses for this month

RENT AND UTILITIES	150.00
telephone	70.00
mailing house	55.00
payroll	1054.80
postage	190.00
printing copying	145.00
taxes	402.20
travel	200.00
TOTAL	\$2267.00

Projected income for this month

Pledges	\$1500.00
Contributions	1000.00
Subscriptions	100.00
Mass Mailing	50.00
Bronberg Mailing	100.00
TOTAL	\$2750.00

Current balance \$2440.04

Our current balance plus projected income minus projected expenses leaves us with approximately \$2,900.00 to give out this month. This does not include the possibility of miracles, such as repayment of the Inter-News loan outstanding of \$500.

Noche de Solidaridad con los Trabajadores de Puerto Rico

PEDRO GRANT

Secretario Tesorero de la Union de Boilermakers de Puerto Rico, Coordinador del Movimiento Obrero Unido, Miembro PSP

Alfredo Lopez

Director Ejecutivo Comité de Solidaridad con Puerto Rico autor del libro en ingles, The Puerto Rican Papers

Gloria y Manolo

Cantantes de música protesta puertorriqueña del Grupo Cemi



PRESENTADO POR EL COMITE DE SOLIDARIDAD CON PUERTO RICO DE BOSTON

Los trabajadores de este estado estan sufriendo bajo la opresión simultanea del desempleo montante y la inflación. El nivel de desempleo segun las figuras del gobierno estatal de Massachusetts son alrededor del 12%. ¿Donde estan los empleos? La General Electric, la Gillette, y las compañías de zapatos siguen produciendo su mercancía con ganancias mayores que nunca. Pero ahora fabrican su mercancía en Taiwan, Korea, y especialmente en Puerto Rico. ¿Porque trasladan sus centros de producción a Puerto Rico? Porque Puerto Rico es una colonia clásica de Estados Unidos bajo su control directo tanto política y económicamente. Hoy en día en Puerto Rico las fuerzas represivas del gobierno colonial y el gobierno federal de EEUU estan llevando a cabo una ataque directo en contra de la creciente fuerza del movimiento obrero. La clase trabajadora puertorriqueña esta demandando militantemente que le den el derecho a organizarse en sindicatos, estan en huelga por mejores salarios y condiciones de trabajo: y para que le den los derechos democráticos que les han sido negados atraves de los años. Como respuesta a esta lucha militante el gobernador colonial Rafael Hernandez Colón ha movilizado la Guardia Nacional para romper huelgas, ha arrestado dirigentes sindicales y obreros, y ha utilizado las leyes anti-obreras como la Taft Hartley para tratar de intervenir en el proceso de la lucha obrera. Es la opresión que sufre Puerto Rico como colonia que permite que las grandes corporaciones norteamericanas sigan explotando con salarios miserables y ganancias astronómicas. Los trabajadores en EEUU se quedan con talleres que se van en fuga para Puerto Rico. ¡Vengan todos y demuestren su apoyo para la lucha de los trabajadores puertorriqueños y del pueblo puertorriqueño en general el 30 de Mayo con PEDRO GRANT, dirigente sindical y independentista hace 30 años.

Friday, May 30 at 7:00
200 Heath St.
Hennigan School Jam. Plain

INFORMATION FOR PEOPLE SELLING TICKETS TO 10/27

October 27 is not a fundraising event; it is a political mobilization. The National Solidarity Day Committee does not expect to have a surplus of cash after the rally. The success will be measured by the number of people at the event and the political enthusiasm generated for the cause of Puerto Rican independence. However, MSG is very expensive and its owners - Gulf&Western - have been very piggy about elasticity in payment schedules so that it is imperative that all tickets be sold, and as soon as possible.

1) If a ticket is sold but goes unused, that means an empty seat (all seats are reserved) - definitely undesirable. Discourage people from buying a ticket they will not use. Contributions are needed to pay for propaganda work associated with the rally so a \$3 or higher contribution is the appropriate way for someone to demonstrate solidarity who doesn't wish to attend the rally.

2) If someone pays the \$15 for admission plus a bus ticket, they are obviously more committed to the mobilization so that every effort should be made to get people to pay for the bus ticket as well. When someone buys a \$15 ticket, the ticket seller should write \$15-BUS and sign their name on the back of the ticket as well as giving the person a receipt. Buses will leave the Boston area PROMPTLY by seven A.M. and return that evening after the rally. Ticket sellers will contact ticket holders with more precise information about buses early in October.

3) Make sure that you record the name, address, and telephone number of each person to whom a ticket is sold. It will be the ticket seller's responsibility to call these people in October to make sure that they are going to the rally. If they later decide that they are not going, we will get the ticket back for resale. We assume that they will give the ticket price as a contribution in that case. There will be at least one mailing - the program and related material - from the national office to each person who has purchased a ticket. It is imperative that we get phone numbers and addresses for these actions.

We might want to point out to people who say they will buy a ticket next month that all tickets are now nationally allocated and it looks as if the Garden will be sold out very early.

Phone numbers for information (for general distribution) are Casa Boriqua - 266 4613 and Red Book 491 6930

Phone numbers for information (for internal distribution) are Law Commune 492 5200 Pam, Phil, Priscila, and Roger Resist 491 8077 Larry